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TELECON JUNE 20

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MINSTATE RAWIRI JUNE 20, CHARGE PRESENTED ARGUMENTS REFS A AND C FOR RAPID SIGNATURE OF SOROS CONTRACT. RAWIRI REPEATED COMMENTS REPORTED REF B THAT THERE NO PROBLEM WITH CONTRACT BUT RATHER PROBLEM BUREAUCRATIC ONE OF GETTING MINISTERS TO SIGN. RAWIRI STATED HE PLANNED TO HAVE PORT DIRECTOR DAMAS GET CONTRACT OUT OF MINISTRY OF PLAN WHERE IT HAS BEEN BOGGED DOWN AND BRING IT TO PARIS JULY 8 FOR SIGNATURE BY PRESIDENT AND CONCERNED MINISTERS, ALL OF WHOM WILL BE THERE. CHARGE CONTACTED DAMAS JUNE 23 WHO CONFIRMED THAT RAWIRI HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO TAKE ABOVE ACTION.

2. CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM DELAYING SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT. TRUST RAWIRI'S ASSURANCES ABOVE WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR SOROS TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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